

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL DECEMBER 12, 2016 7PM 85 N. MARKET ST.

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Cohen, Mr. Todd, Mr. Tyger, Mr. Walker and Mr. Yokley (Mr. Elzer was out of town). Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson, Law Director Dave Powers and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the November 28th Finance Committee and Regular meeting and the minutes of the December 6th Utility Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor. The November department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Walker, all in favor. There were no agenda items.

CLERK: Martin reminded everyone the regularly scheduled meeting for Monday December 26th has been rescheduled for Tuesday December 27th.

MAYOR: NO REPORT

MANAGER: Monteleone stated there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new veteran's mural on Wednesday at noon. He stated he received a letter from Exochem thanking the Village for putting together a meeting to discuss their upcoming expansion. Mr. Cohen asked for an update on the property at 317 E. Main St. that was damaged by the fire. Monteleone stated the property was owned by a company in Texas but was being sold by land contract to a resident of EP. He said letters have been sent to the company in Texas and also the resident here with no response from either. He said Building Inspector John Simon had previously posted signs at the property stating that after 30 days the Village has the right to demo the property but the signs had been removed so he posted them again last week. He said Atty. Powers is reviewing all the letters that have previously been sent to make sure the language was proper as this is a new scenario for the Village. Atty. Powers stated we want to make all notices are proper, he stated if we decide to tear the property down there are procedures to recoup the cost by certifying it to the County for taxes. He said he has contacted the company to find out about insurance on the property and have got no response. Chief Brown stated the resident who was purchasing it on land contract did not have insurance at the time of the fire and he has tried contacting the company numerous times with no response. Monteleone said he would keep council updated on where things stood with the house.

LAW DIRECTOR: NO REPORT

STREET: NO REPORT

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen stated that when council previously asked for letters of interest for the boards/commission reappointments they did not put a deadline on when the letters had to be in. If council agreed Mr. Cohen suggested a deadline of Fri Dec 23 at noon for the letters that way they can all be in the packets for the next meeting on December 27.

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT

UTILTIY: Mr. Todd stated Jurjavic and the Manager arranged to have the money put in the budget to have the new well developed the first part of the year, they should have the results in time to make a decision on how to proceed with the water project. Mr. Cohen asked if we needed to begin having committee meetings in reference to the waste water project to which Mr. Todd said they are to give us a report the end of this month or next with final recommendations so we should begin committee meetings after we have that report.

FINANCE: Mr. Tyger stated he had no formal report but asked if anyone had questions on the budget that was going for a third reading/vote tonight.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: Mary Anne Tyger, Chief Brown, John & Dot Herbert, Mark Rhodes, John Simon, John Davis, Dianna Elzer, Chief Dickey, and Katie White.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Cohen made a motion to amend Ord. 22-2016 to the updated copy as provided by the Finance Director seconded by Mr. Tyger. All in favor. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 22-2016 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting the appropriation for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of East Palestine Ohio during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017 and adopting estimated resources and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Yokley made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y. Mr. Yokley called for a vote on Ord. 22-2016. Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mr. Walker-y, Mr. Yokley-y, Mr. Cohen-y. 5 yes to pass. Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 23-2016 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village manager to enter into a contract with David P. Powers to serve as the Municipal Attorney for a one year term, commencing January 1, 2017 in accordance with the contract attached hereto, as exhibit A.** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 24-2016 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting the negotiated pay increase between the Village of East Palestine, Employer, and the Teamsters Union and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 25-2016 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting the negotiated pay increase between the Village of East Palestine, Employer, and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc (union) and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 26-2016 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing a 2.00% wage increase between the Village of East Palestine , employer, and all full-time non union employees, Building Inspector, Permanent Part time employees of the Street, Water and Waste Water Departments, and Cemetery Foreman, Increase in minimum wages for the following employees; Crossing Guard, Lifeguards, Ticket Booth and Community Center Janitor and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Yokley introduced Ord. 27-2016 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village manager, on behalf of Council, to enter into negotiation with MS Consultants Inc., to provide design services related to construction of the Municipal Water Well Infrastructure and Water Plant Improvement project.**

ADJOURN: Mr. Cohen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Walker. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH.